

REMARKS

This is in full and timely response to the non-final Office Action dated April 21, 2005 (Paper No. 04112005). The present Amendment amends claims 3-6 and 9 to place the claims in proper dependent form and to improve minor matters of syntax. The present Amendment also cancels claim 1 in order to further clarify a portion of the scope sought to be patented, and otherwise disputes certain findings of fact made in connection with the rejection of the claim. Further, this Amendment cancels claims 7, 8 and 10 because claim 3 is no longer a multiple-dependent claim; thus, multiple-dependent claims 4, 5 and 6 can depend therefrom. Amendments to the specification are to address minor matters of form and syntax. No new matter has been added. Accordingly, claims 2-6, 9, 11 and 12 are presently pending in the application, each of which is believed to be in condition for allowance. Reexamination and reconsideration in light of the present Amendment and the following remarks are respectfully requested.

Preliminary Amendments

Upon review of the Office Action, it appears that the Examiner has overlooked the Preliminary Amendment of March 24, 2004 in which claims 4-6 were amended and claims 7-12 were added. Additionally, a Second Preliminary Amendment was filed on April 25, 2005. Because the filing date of this Second Preliminary Amendment was subsequent to the Office Action, the amendments of the Second Preliminary Amendment are incorporated herewith, and entry of these changes is respectfully requested.

Claim to Priority

Acknowledgement of the proper receipt of the certified formal papers filed in connection with Applicant's claim to priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) is noted with appreciation.

Information Disclosure Statement

Acknowledgment and consideration of the reference cited in the Information Disclosure Statement is noted with appreciation.

Claim Objections

The Applicant thanks the examiner for a thorough reading of the claims. In accordance with the examiner's suggestion, claim 3 has been amended to correct the spelling of "wiring". Withdrawal of this objection is therefore courteously solicited.

Allowable Claims:

The Applicant thanks the examiner for recognizing that claims 2-6 are allowable.

Claim Rejections- 35 U.S.C. § 102

In the Action, claim 1 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as allegedly being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 5,639,989 to Higgins ("Higgins"). This rejection is respectfully traversed.

However, in order to expedite prosecution, claim 1 has been cancelled. Thus, this rejection has been mooted, and withdrawal thereof is courteously solicited.

Claims 9, 11 and 12

Claim 9, mirroring the content of allowable claim 5 and being dependent upon allowable claim 4, is similarly in condition for allowance. Likewise, claims 11 and 12, mirroring the language of allowable claim 6 and being dependent upon allowable claims 4 and 5 respectively, are also in condition for allowance. Allowance of these claims is therefore courteously solicited.

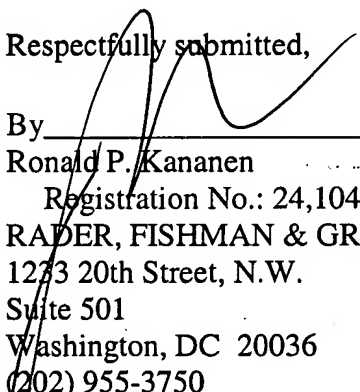
Conclusion

For at least the foregoing reasons, each of the presently pending claims in this application is believed to be in immediate condition for allowance. Accordingly, the examiner is respectfully requested to pass this application to issue. If the examiner has any comments or suggestions that could place this application in even better form, the examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned attorney at the below-listed number.

Applicant believes no fee is due with this response. However, if a fee is due, please charge our Deposit Account No. 18-0013, under Order No. SON-2982 from which the undersigned is authorized to draw.

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